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Stray animals suffer while agency shifts

By Dick Holman

Star Staff Writer

For three days a dog paced about an apartment complex, sniffing at garden-level windows, looking in through parted curtains to no apparent satisfaction.

It was bitter cold last month as the dog continued searching. A mixed breed some eight inches high at the shoulder, he would pick up a paw now and then for relief from the icy ground.

At first he kept a safe distance, resisting coaxing, but finally on the fourth day a woman persuaded him to come inside. The dog wore collar tags issued 125 miles away in Sioux City, Iowa.

After tentatively rejecting food to inspect the apartment, he wolfed down the offering then decided he wasn't in the right place.

The dog whined, scratching at the door to be let out to resume his vigil.

It was 7 o'clock on a Saturday night and the couple called the dog pick-up number supplied by telephone information. A busy signal on repeated attempts was followed by no answer.

The couple phoned police who explained that the city had taken over animal pickup responsibility from the Humane Society, and the police had no authority to help.

An answering service operator answered their call on the animal retrieval number, and she supplied another number with assurances that someone would be on duty. There was no answer.

Police couldn't help

The couple called the answering service again.

After a time the operator connected in the police, this time to an officer in another division. The couple offered to take the dog to police headquarters or to a shelter where it would be fed and kept warm until its owner could be located. The officer was sympathetic but said LPD had been instructed not to respond.

Another call to the answering service put the couple on hold while help was sought. The couple then repeated their offer to deliver the dog themselves, but no one was at the shelter to accept him.

Meanwhile the dog was still whining insistently at the door. Dogs in good health (and this one was) can survive surprisingly low temperatures, and so the couple let him out.

The temperature was 19 below zero that night, but the dog has been seen several times since.

One more incident like this demonstrates that there are still some problems in stray pet collection.

An elderly dog had suffered a stroke while running loose after breaking his restraining chain.

Semi-paralyzed, he was picked up a few blocks from his home, but the owners were not notified until the next day when he had slipped into deep shock.

When called by the city, the owners were not told that they had to bring rabies vaccination papers to the Humane Society pound (although he was wearing his tags) and that the pound would not accept a check. After a half-hour of Humane Society personnel's trying to straighten out the matter with the city, the owners were allowed to write a check to receive the dog.

He died of shock within a few hours.

But in the pet control business, problems are bound to occur, especially because of the number of pets who wander loose.

Agency is adjusting

Dennis Grams, assistant chief of the environmental health division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, says the agency is in the process of adjusting its services to needs.

The department took over animal pickup responsibility from the Humane Society Jan. 1.

Animal control officers are available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week, Grams said. And they are beginning a new shift arrangement to provide services until 10:30 p.m.

In cases of emergency, including injuries to animals, "someone is on call for assistance through the Police Department at all times," he said.

"It's kind of a judgment thing. We are trying to provide services when most needs exist and still watch our expenditures so we can stay within our budget."

Providing 24-hour service seven days a week would be "tremendously expensive," and not within the agency's budget capabilities, Grams said.

He said the new system already has cost \$165,000 and that 24-hour service would more than double expenses.

Mayor Helen Boosalis said she was "surprised" that the couple was unable to get help last month for the stray dog from the city.

Police can respond now in the wee hours if the animal is injured or dangerous, she said. But strays will have to wait until morning. Effective coverage is provided at the time it's needed most, and the likelihood of calls about strays after 10:30 p.m. is small, she said.

Ugandan dictator puts off meeting with Americans

Nairobi, Kenya (AP) — President Idi Amin postponed his meeting with Americans living in Uganda Sunday, rescheduling it for Wednesday at the Entebbe Airport, scene of last July's raid by Israel commandos.

And amid signs that Amin planned some sort of spectacular gathering at the airport Wednesday, Radio Uganda warned that the United States should not mount a raid similar to the Israeli's.

The Ugandan government invited the United States on Sunday to send official representatives to the Entebbe meeting, a State Department spokesman said in Washington. He said there had been no U.S. response and he did not know when or if there would be.

President Carter said the United States was monitoring the Ugandan situation closely, trying not to upset President Amin, and trying to take advantage of his good wishes that he has expressed.

We've had offers from the U.N. to intercede, but we've handled our affairs through the German embassy, and so far there's nothing to cause deep concern, Carter told reporters while visiting his

daughter-in-law at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

"In the event of any invasion, the invading force will be disintegrated by the Ugandan armed forces," the radio said, quoting a military spokesman generally considered to be Amin.

The spokesman urged Ugandans to be alert for signs that might indicate an invasion and said that because of the Israeli raid, the presence of U.S. naval vessels off the coast of Kenya in the Indian Ocean "must be taken seriously."

Amin was to have met Monday in the capital city of Kampala with the Americans believed living in Uganda. Ugandan radio said the meeting was delayed until 8 a.m. Wednesday at nearby Entebbe because the Americans, mostly missionaries in outlying areas, had asked for more time to prepare for the gathering.

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Railroads get tax breaks

By Nancy Hicks
Star Staff Writer

Cities and villages across Nebraska are not receiving thousands of tax dollars every year because railroad land is almost always undervalued and sometimes improperly classified.

For example, this year the tiny Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice (OL&B) Railroad will pay less than one-third the taxes it could be paying, according to Star estimates.

The amount the OL&B could pay — \$6,700 — is, to be sure, a drop in the tax bucket for the OL&B, owned by Lincolnite George Abel, is a little railroad by any comparison — less than five miles of track just two green engines and 67 bright red "Big Red" cars.

But what The Star discovered by looking into the OL&B is a system which has given railroads a tax break for years.

If the statistics for the OL&B are applied to all railroads that run through Lincoln, the city alone will not be collecting more than \$100,000 in railroad taxes this year. And cities and villages across the state could be losing between \$2 million and \$4 million in tax revenues.

The system has allowed railroads to determine their own property values while other businesses have their values set by the county assessor.

The law allowing county assessors to challenge railroads' self-set values was apparently overlooked and misinterpreted until recent months.

On the tax records that the OL&B turns into the county assessor's office, the railroad lists ownership of 37 parcels of Lincoln land, with an assessed value of \$36,250. Assessed value is 35% of the appraised, or real, value.

By comparing the OL&B land parcels with adjacent land listed on the tax rolls, The Star determined that the railroad's land holdings would be assessed at \$159,525. That's more than four times what the railroad says it's worth on its taxation reports, and more than four times what the railroad has been paying taxes on.

There were a few specific land parcels where a direct comparison could be made between the railroad's self-valuation and valuation by the county assessor's office. In these cases the railroad's valuation ranged from one-third to one-eleventh the assessor's valuation.

And railroad values are probably unchanged even before the more accessible 1967 records, said Peters.

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For example the OL&B for several years has been paying taxes on two land parcels under the normal laws for business property rather than under the special railroad taxation legislation.

The appraised value of these parcels, according to the assessor's books, is \$33,410. The OL&B, on its tax records, lists the value at \$6,425, one-fifth the assessor's value.

But there may be a reason in this undervaluation madness — or at least plausible excuses.

The entire railroad taxing question is complicated, confusing and, until recently, little explored.

Railroad companies may have assumed that the original purchase price of their property, which they use for one state taxation form, should also be used for city and village tax purposes, said State Tax Commissioner William Peters.

And over the years county assessors throughout the state have felt "that they couldn't do anything about the values (supplied by the railroad companies). Even if they read the statutes they could get that interpretation," Peters said.

And no one from his office was doing any checking either, Peters admitted.

It is clear that, in Lancaster County at least, railroad land values for tax purposes have not changed for about a decade. The county assessor's books for 1967 and 1976 show the same land values on individual railroad properties.

And that's not just the minuscule OL&B, but also the mighty Burlington Northern, the Chicago & North Western Transportation Co., the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific, the Missouri Pacific and the Union Pacific. The six companies will pay \$377,516 in county and city taxes this year.

During that same nine-year period land values for homeowners rose by 25% to 50% in a 1968 update and by an average 22% in the reappraisal of 1970.

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The OL&B has a few 'Big Red' hopper cars.

property and promised that 1977 will be "a new ball game."

The state tax commissioner's office will be reminding county assessors of the law that railroad property should be valued "comparable" to other property and will have regional training sessions to explain procedures that can be used to update railroad valuations, Peters said.

Another factor in the railroad taxation game, improper classification, may also be robbing state taxing districts, but probably not to the scale of property undervaluation.

The railroad taxation system is complex. But basically railroad property is divided into two tax components — operating property (connected with railroad operations and taxed under railroad laws) and nonoperating property (with no railroad connection except ownership and taxed as regular business property).

But throughout the years the State Board of Equalization has not kept up with the classification job and nonoperational property

has not always been excluded from the railroad taxation laws.

In fact almost one-third (based on dollar value) of the OL&B 'operating' property is nowhere near a railroad track and hasn't been for about 20 years. Yet it is being taxed as if it were being used for railroad purposes. And the county taxing districts are losing money every year.

Much of this land is in the path of the newly developing apartment area on Huntington and Baldwin east of 33rd St. Much of this land was acquired by the OL&B in a mid-1960s land trade with the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, which wanted former OL&B land for East Campus expansion.

This land should have been put into the regular tax system used for business and not given the breaks normally accorded railroad property.

The land, if given updated land values, would bring more than \$5,000 into school and county tax coffers this year, rather than the \$1,275.59 paid through the statewide central taxation method.

The classification into operating and nonoperating property is clearly the state tax commissioner's responsibility, and last summer the State Board of Equalization asked that these railroad classifications be updated.

Peter's office is doing that this year, and Peters said he hopes it is done by May.

Though the project has just begun, Peters believes that the OL&B estimated ration of one-third nonoperating property is high. Most assessors caught the big parcels like industrial tracts, and most railroads aren't in the landholding business, he said.

There probably are small parcels in villages — old depots perhaps — which railroads can no longer use yet can't find a buyer for, Peters said.



Staff photo by Randy Hampton

This Uni Place restaurant sits on 'railroad' land.

OL&B pays tax on land it doesn't own

by the OL&B have been identical.

Yet on May 8, 1973, the OL&B sold an entire city block (between Baldwin and Huntington, 32nd and Griffith) to the city of Lincoln.

That block, valued at \$1,345 by the OL&B, remained on its tax records. This year the railroad will pay \$38.25 on taxes on city-owned land.

OL&B officials, though reluctant to discuss details, were apparently unaware of the error in their report.

These kind of errors have also crept into the reports of the larger railroads, according to County Assessor Fritz Meyer, who said he

for the past three years the forms sent in

has discussed some discrepancies with the Burlington Northern.

The record search also showed another puzzling piece of property owned by the OL&B, once envisioned as an interurban service between Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice, and now a small switching operation.

Since Aug. 19, 1905, the railroad has owned a small triangle at 14th and W Sts., now the site of the University of Nebraska Lincoln women's physical education building.

In 1950 the regents bought that property — except for the triangle owned by the OL&B. For years and years the OL&B has been paying

taxes on the \$50 assessed value of this triangle — 142 pennies this year.

"Somehow that property just got missed," said James Hewitt, attorney for the OL&B, who was unaware that the railroad owned the small triangle of grass and trees.

Officials for the OL&B, whose tracks end just west of 33rd St., claim the railroad has no plans for expansion. And last summer the company sold off some of its vacant land east of 33rd St. Yet during the same time the OL&B also purchased an additional six lots in the same area where railroad land was being sold.

OL&B officials did not wish to comment on the recent land acquisition.

High-priced pistols used as often as cheap ones

of crimes," the report said. "The data indicate that expensive handguns are used as often as inexpensive ones."

This finding bears directly on the potential of legislative proposals to ban certain types of handguns based on their quality," it added.

The analysis was contained in the report released Sunday by the Police Foundation, which conducted a two-year research project to learn

more about the kinds of guns used in

crimes. The foundation is a private nonprofit organization which promotes research on police issues.

The Police Foundation is financed by the Ford Foundation and headed by Patrick Murphy, former New York City police commissioner.

The researchers analyzed a sampling of police records of firearms confiscated during

different periods of 1974, 1975 and 1976.

Out of the firearms in the sample, the brand confiscated most often was Smith & Wesson, a maker of moderate-and-high-priced firearms, the report said. Colt, which produces guns in the same moderate-to-expensive range, was the brand seized second most often.

The two manufacturers accounted for about one-fourth of the 3,547

weapons seized.

Only 15 per cent of the confiscated weapons were produced by companies primarily engaged in making cheap pistols known as Saturday night specials, the report said.

Denver students begin historic Red China trip

Denver (AP) — Sitting cross-legged on the library floor, 11-year-old Laura Plaut crinkled her nose pulled on her long pigtails and practiced Chinese.

"See see," she said smiling. "That means thank you. And shr — that's yes."

She's one of 16 students from a private school outside Denver about to become the youngest Americans to visit China since former President Nixon's visit five years ago reopened relations between the two countries.

Accompanied by three faculty members, the Colorado Academy students left Denver for Tokyo on Sunday. They're scheduled to arrive in Peking on Tuesday. Their visit, which will include trips to Nanking, Soochow, Shanghai and finally Canton ends March 18.

"I'm not worried about their accepting us," Laura said of her hosts. "They're supposed to be curious about us, but friendly."

Competition among youngsters in grades six through nine for selection by the school for the trip was intense. They wrote essays on the journey's purpose and their own personalities for review by the faculty. Each child's family paid \$2,000 for the trip.

Roger Kirkpatrick, an English and Spanish teacher and one of the adults headed for China was largely responsible for the trip. Visas were approved by the Chinese government in November.

"You can't realize the importance of this trip, I guess, until you're on the plane and on your way," said Charles Nurni, 14.

And Thomas Evans, 3, said there's a special incentive to make the trip go well. "You have to

represent other school children so they'll have an opportunity to go too."

Before leaving, the travelers underwent orientation — lectures, films and reading. Recalling the lectures, the children said they are anxious about what they were told is a typical Chinese reaction to foreigners — staring.

They told us that you may be walking down the street and see 200 or 300 people staring at you," Charles Nurni said, frowning.

Adrienne Pixley, 12, said she's worried about the staring. "I'm afraid I may start screaming or something." Mr. Hinton said we should just smile back. But that shouldn't be hard," she said. "I'll probably start laughing. I'll be so uncomfortable."

William Hinton, who has written about China, was one of the academy's guest lecturers.

The children, articulate and confident, studied Chinese and American history for their trip, drawing comparisons between communist societies and western democracies.

Each of the young travelers will keep a diary and report on a different aspect of Chinese life. Charles choose education, Adrienne selected medicine and Andy Hornbrook, 13, picked agriculture.

Andy said he wants to be a farmer like his father and hopes to pick up a few tips from the Chinese. "With all our chemical fertilizers, we get 150 bushels of corn an acre. They get 200," he said.

Despite their emphasis on studies and goodwill, the youngsters expect to have fun — even though they've been told to leave their favorite clothes behind. "No blue jeans," Laura said. "That's a disappointment."



Associated Press

Laura Plaut gets hug from father, Frank, as she and 16 others begin China trip.

Deaths from drug therapy found less frequent

Chicago (AP) — Deaths among acutely ill hospital patients resulting from drug therapy occur much less frequently than previous studies have indicated, two Massachusetts researchers report.

They offered in the Feb. 28 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association a study of 26,482 patients in seven countries between 1971 and 1976.

They found that 24, or slightly less than one patient per 1,000, were considered to have died as a result of a drug or group of drugs. In a previous study of 6,200 patients in Boston, they had found the rate was 4 per 1,000.

The researchers, Jane Porter and Dr. Hershel Jick of the Boston

Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program at Boston University's medical center, said the first study was conducted in a chronic disease hospital.

It was biased they said, because it included a disproportionate number of patients with cancer, alcoholic liver disease and other serious chronic illnesses.

The later survey was more representative since it was conducted in medical wards of hospitals for the acutely ill. Countries involved were the United States, Canada, Scotland, Germany, Italy, Israel and New Zealand, the researchers said.

The death rate attributable to drug therapy ranged from zero in Israel and

Italy to 14 per thousand in New Zealand, they said. The rate in the United States was 12.

The 24 deaths included six related to anticancer drugs, five to intravenous fluids, five to digoxin, a drug given for heart disease, and the rest to a variety of drugs.

Five of the 24 patients were considered to be terminally ill before getting the implicated drug, the researchers said, nine were severely ill, seven moderately ill and three otherwise quite healthy, except for the illness that prompted hospitalization.

The researchers noted, "In those patients who died, most were very ill prior to the event. Over half had advanced cancer or alcoholic liver disease."

An editorial in the journal cautioned against generalizing the research findings to predict the death risk from taking drugs.

It pointed out that the treatment of 19 of the 24 patients who died "represented a last-ditch life-saving effort, and death, when it came, was not altogether unexpected."

"There always will be an irreducible minimum number of people who get ill from drugs, weighing that risk against the benefits is part of medical practice," the editorial said.

South Dakota Democrat said in a statement, "If we wait any longer to counteract this trend, the battle will be lost."

Bill requires big corporations to sell off farms

Washington (AP) — Sen. James Abourezk is introducing a bill that would require big agribusiness corporations to sell farm properties within five years.

School lunch

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| Tuesday | Chili and crackers, corn, spinach, juice, tossed salad, banana split |
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| Junior and senior high schools: | salad, peanut butter or cheese sandwich, baker's choice, fruit, milk |

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Otoe County zoning aims to protect agriculture

By Dominick Costello
Farm Editor

"What we are really doing if we zone properly is separate the needy from the greedy. That's what good zoning is all about," said Ed Rowen Jr. of Nebraska City.

Rowen is a member of the Otoe County Planning Commission which has just completed its county zoning plan or comprehensive plan.

The planners are attempting to encourage as much development in areas near and within existing communities and discourage development within a mile outside of existing towns.

"We don't want to slow or halt development but we do want to control where it happens. We want to protect our basic industry which is agriculture," Rowen explained.

In an effort to discourage loss of agricultural land to developments, the county group has banned the development of non-agricultural building sites of less than 40 acres.

An existing site can be sold with a smaller acreage, and it would be possible for a farmer to add a building site as a home for a hired man on the smaller site. But any such development must meet guidelines tying it to agriculture.

"We will deal with each case on its own merits without setting any hard fast rules, but it must be within the guidelines set by the planning commission," he said.

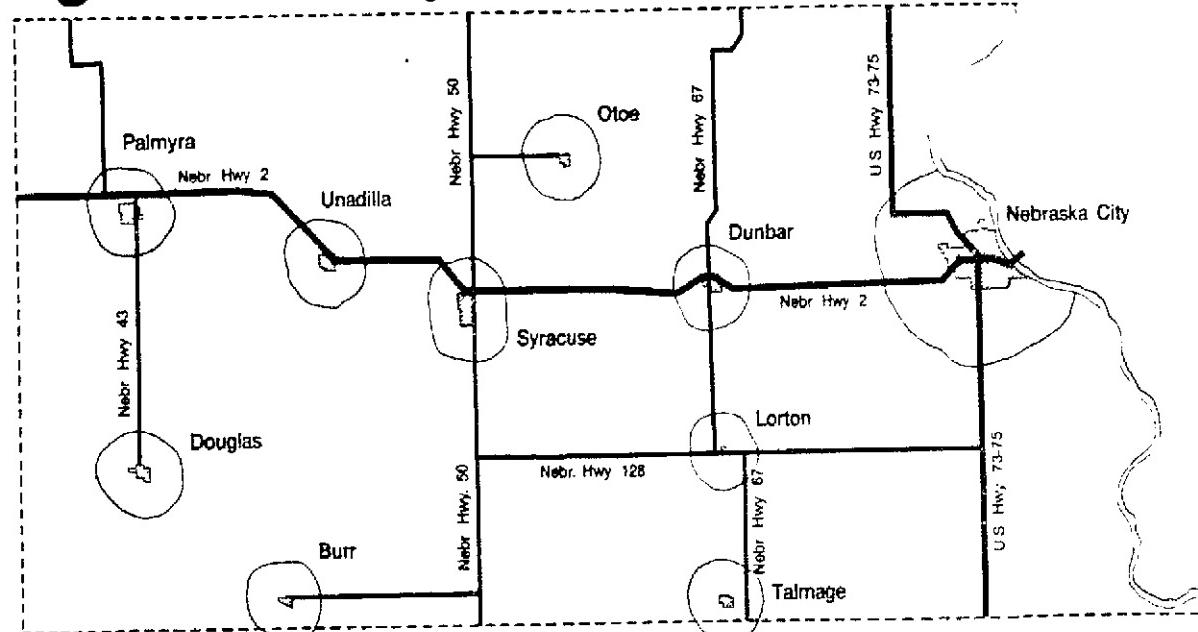
One reason for restricting such developments is the county's costs of providing services to acreage owners.

"These city folks come out into the country but they want the same services they had in town. They want real good roads, fire protection, police protection, a water main and sewage services. This drives up taxes on farmland which just can't stand the added cost."

"I would like to see the towns tear down the eyesores in their areas and encourage redevelopment of additional housing or industry within their town and city limits," he said.

Rowen said he expects to see an increase in agricultural development in Otoe County along the Missouri River. "It just makes sense to use the transportation facility available on the river," he said.

Feedlot operators and developers would be protected from each other under the comprehensive plan. Homes can't be built within a mile of an existing feeding operation, and a new feedlot cannot be es-



Circles around towns indicate areas where development is encouraged.

tablished within a mile of an existing town or city either.

"We are trying to protect existing investments. We don't want people who have invested their life savings to have to move because someone wants to build next to a feedlot or because a feedlot moved in next to their home," he said.

Rowen said the planning commission is seeking the involvement of more people living in the western end of the

county.

"We have to get more people involved in planning. It is difficult to get people to go to a meeting in Nebraska City. Perhaps it would be possible to move the meetings around the county to make it easier to attend them," he said.

Rowen said that at one time he too refused to get involved in meetings. "Once I got into it I found I do enjoy it."

"We are working on a

general building code now. We need to hear from everyone with an interest in it. People need to come to the meeting to become informed accurately," he said.

Otoe County officials are trying to make it easy to get involved. "Just call me at home or at the county commissioners office.

"We have to do something to protect good farm land. In this nation in just the last year we

have lost enough good farm land to make two Otoe counties. We just can't afford to let that happen. We need zoning even if we don't want it," he said.

"The rich, the big companies, the well-financed developers will all take care of their own interests. The poor and the little guy with a farm or small business have to have some protection. This is the real job of the planning commission," he said.

Stock growers offer \$250 scholarships

The Nebraska Stock Growers Research and Education Foundation will offer two \$250 scholarships.

The scholarships are presented for one year, half each semester. Applicants must maintain at least a grade average of C in college or in the last year of high school and must be children of active NSGA members.

Applications may be obtained from the NSGA Research and Educational Foundation, P.O. Drawer 40, Alliance, Neb. 69301. Application deadline is April 10.

Horses are topic of Lexington clinic

Two veterinarians from the University of Nebraska North Platte Station and the Reynolds Veterinary Clinic of Lexington will speak March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at a horse clinic in Lexington.

been published by several media.

Soybean has been bid to record by some big dealers in the last month. It has traded at the \$7.00 level in poultry markets but has recovered to the \$7.50 level at local elevators. If it stays very dry and exports hold up it could reach \$4.75.

Corn exports are still ahead of last year but supplies are burdensome. Prices could fall to \$2.50 if it stays dry with an September price guess of \$2.75 probably out of reach unless the drought is persistent.

Spring rains added to farmers need for cash to pay fertilizer, seed, fuel and chemical bills could still trigger early disaster.

Wheat exports from Australia and Argentina are showing some support in the market from soybean prices but also from the drought

Grain inspections for export top '76 levels

Grain inspections for export finally are getting larger than inspections of a year ago. The week ending Feb. 16 had 71,066 bushels inspected compared to 47,351,000 bushels a year ago.

The export data is based on the shipping season for each grain. The season for soybeans begins Sept. 1, for corn and sorghum on Oct. 1 and small grains on June 1.

| | This Year | Last Year |
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| Soybeans | 187,761,000 | 185,212,000 |
| Corn | 47,351,000 | 37,621,000 |
| Other | 7,747,000 | 6,042,000 |
| Bushels | 212,859,000 | 194,853,000 |
| Rice | 4,214,000 | 3,914,000 |
| Cotton | 45,377,000 | 47,124,000 |
| Sorghum | 27,595,000 | 29,382,000 |
| Total | 1,821,842,000 | 1,989,127,000 |

Community service projects stressed by 4-H state grants

Community service grants are available to Nebraska 4-H groups, but they must act soon, according to Ken Schmidt, associate state 4-H leader at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Applications are due March 1 in the state 4-H office for 4-H "Citizenship in Action" grants, sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation and conducted by the National 4-H Foundation, said Schmidt.

The "Citizenship in Action" grants, which range from \$50 to \$500, provide money for innovative citizenship programs which show community concern and contribute to community development. Emphasis is placed on creative approaches which bring the educational resources of 4-H to bear on vital local issues. Supplementing local funds,

these grants make the project a cooperative effort to solve community problems, Schmidt said.

Grant recipients will be announced in the end of March.

Four-H Community Pride applications are due in the state 4-H office by April 1, according to Schmidt.

The 4-H Community Pride program involves 4-H members in service work in their communities. That program helps 4-H groups become aware of community needs and encourages members, leaders, parents and friends to do something about those needs, Schmidt said.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben

are donating \$1,000 for grants this year, Schmidt said. That contribution will supplement funds of local clubs in carrying out community projects.

15 years of hauling water seems longer

Spotlight On Agriculture



By Dominick Costello

We had several calls about the story on the Little Blue Water District near Fairbury. The story said Richard Dux had hauled water for 167 years. It should have said 15 years. It just seemed like 167 years.

One of the strange things you encounter in talking about a shortage of water is the fact that only those who have a real water shortage really believe such things exist.

The same thing seems to be true with fuel shortages.

Different people have different definitions of what a shortage is. For most of us, if we have enough of anything to get through the day, we know we live in a land of plenty.

Plant science is getting downright fancy. Seed companies are producing varieties of corn for specific purposes these days. If you plant on dry land you get one kind and if you have irrigation you are advised to use a different number on

the variety list.

A good seed corn dealer learns the genetic background of the varieties of corn he sells so he can advise his customers on matching seed to his particular kind of farming.

Kissinger is an unusual farmer. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was a designer of submarines.

This experience has made him an innovator in the industry since he returned to farming in 1957. The award is well deserved.

Edmond Rech of Davey was a winner in the price guessing contest at the Lincoln Production Credit Association.

Farmers were invited to guess the Jan. 3 prices of corn, soybeans, wheat, milo, steers, feeder cattle and hogs.

Rech won with a total score of \$131.08. The actual prices of the products he picked on the date totaled \$129.23.

Price guessing is a marketing game with farmers. If you are good enough at it you get to stay in farming for another year.

The average farmer who entered the contest was pretty close. They generally overestimated the value of cattle and underestimated the price of hogs. But most were very close on their grain price prediction.

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Pork barrel: the superpower of legislative evils

Make no mistake about the intensity and bitterness of the struggle which is developing between Jimmy Carter's White House and the Congress over recent recommendations on federal water projects.

On the surface, the issue is 19 — and perhaps more — Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation dam, irrigation and power projects in various stages of development which Carter and his able and promising secretary of the interior, Cecil Andrus, have put on hold pending an investigation of need and feasibility. The cutting of funds for these projects out of the budget for next year has caused an uproar in Congress and threats to restore the aggregate 1978 amount of \$289 million to put the projects back on schedule.

The move by Carter to cut funding pending a review has caused Democrats and Republicans alike to damn Carter and several have described him as a new Nixon, who was reviled by Congress for a number of reasons, but specifically relating to this case, for impounding funds already appropriated by Congress. Some members see Carter's funding cut as similar to Nixon's impoundment technique.

The impoundment argument has no bearing on the current controversy, however. If Congress overpowers the administration on this issue and overrides whatever vetoes Carter may issue in a last attempt to block projects, the President has promised nevertheless to implement the spending authorizations. He is said to regard impoundment as illegal and wrong, so the cries of a "new Nixon" ring hollow in that regard.

But the issue brought to a boil by defunding — temporarily — the water projects is deeper than just those 19 projects.

Carter's keeping this particular campaign promise that he would not conduct business as usual in the matter of resource management and would move against environmentally unsound federal projects is frightening to "business as usual" people. Their perception that he can be influenced by environmentalists is reason enough for the sound and the fury.

LTS board sticks with loop

The Lincoln Transportation System (LTS) Board last week forwarded to the City Council a controversial recommendation that the downtown bus loop instituted six months ago be made permanent. The board also recommended the installation of heated, lighted shelters along the route and a stepped up ridership promotional program.

The latter only makes sense, considering the trade-off the board is willing to make in sticking with the loop.

The loop has been controversial during its existence with many elderly shoppers, in particular, complaining that the new stops are inconveniently farther away from preferred shopping and business locations. That inconvenience may be reflected in a 4% ridership decrease the system has experienced over the short life of the loop.

Big issues elevated

Roughly one-third done, the 1977 Legislature is moving at a fast pace. Well, that is, in terms of legislative speed.

Speaker Roland Luedtke has kept the pressure on with a schedule which is close to wrapping up committee hearings on bills, allowing senators to begin all-day sessions on the floor. Give the speaker high marks.

Luedtke's idea of holding morning committee meetings in the early weeks of the session chopped deeply into the backlog of bills, providing additional time in the last half of the session for floor debate and decisions.

The pace has been such that some senators have privately wondered if a long weekend sometime soon might be good therapy.

What has this legislative session done so far? Not much, really. But it appears that it might begin taking action of substance earlier than most sessions.

Luedtke has insisted that major issues not be pushed back to those frenetic final weeks of the session, so they are beginning to show up near the top of the schedule for floor debate.

That means final decisions on some of the major issues of the 1977 session are not so many weeks away.

The budget is still a long way from hitting the floor, so it is particularly important to dispose of some other major items now before they are required to compete for time and attention with the appropriations decisions.

It is almost impossible to read the views of the members of the Appropriations Committee at this time. Five of the nine are new members, only four held the same assignment in the last session.

A guess would be that Governor Exon's budget recommendations will hold stronger appeal than usual. Partly due to additional revenue derived from last year's hike in state tax rates, the governor's budget does not appear to be as tight as some have been in the past.

And the governor's budget analysts have

But the real battle centers on the old congressional sickness: the backscratching pork barrel system of spending tax dollars; the "you go along with my project and I'll go along with yours" way of doing business as usual. Uncounted billions of dollars have been spent in this manner over the years — and not only in water resource development but in every conceivable budget area — often regardless of project merits.

Carter's bold gambit of striking 1978 funding for the water projects from the budget pending review makes phonies out of politicians who are reputed to be and advertise themselves as honest and fearless types. The pathetic spectacle of Morris Udall "outraged" at the Carter move after having signed a resolution of support for efforts to cut out unnecessary water projects is the best example of the incurable pork barrel addiction. Udall is from Arizona, and the Central Arizona Project which takes a share of Colorado River water to Phoenix and Tucson residents was among the projects Carter wants to review. The Central Arizona Project is fairly far along (but as Andrus said on an interview last week, "if you lost \$100 betting on the horses, does that mean you should bet another \$100?); millions of its estimated \$1.4 billion cost have already been spent. But a detailed argument of the project merits or lack of same does not have to be undertaken to understand the central point: that's Udall's project, many of his influential constituents want it and he will fight for it regardless of arguments that are thrown up against it. And if he gets help from fellow members of the Congress in getting his project restored, he is obligated to help others.

So much for the brave attack against business as usual; so much for fiscal and environmental sanity; so much, over the long run, for hopes for a balanced budget.

In the realm of legislative evils, pork barreling is a superpower. To tame federal spending, the irresistible backscratching urge will have to be tamed and considering the howls of rage emanating from Capitol Hill last week, the chances for that appear to be dismal.

Washington — Who's to blame for the natural gas shortage? Behind the scenes of what President Carter called at his press conference last Wednesday "a conglomeration of confusion in the energy field," the scapegoat has already been chosen: the big oil and gas companies, which have supposedly been "holding back" gas for nefarious reasons.

In the Congress, hearings are under way with investigations launched and memo machines readied for the grand, coordinated fixing-of-the-blame.

In the Interior Department, Secretary Cecil Andrus has taken as his key investigator one David Schwartz, a former Federal Power Commission bureaucrat and Ted Kennedy aide who has testified for oil and gas production on federal lands by a government corporation. His presence guarantees that the "investigation" will arrive at its pre-ordained conclusion blaming private enterprise.

"It's all a cover-up. The people who are to blame for the present shortage of the cleanest and most efficient fuel of all are the regulators themselves. They thought they could protect the consumer by breaking the law of supply and demand, and as a result have made a classic case against government intervention."

Back in 1954, the Warren Court, Justice William Douglas dissenting, made it possible for Congress to set the price of natural gas sold interstate. Vote-conscious congressmen promptly made it the cheapest fuel available.

Bargain-hunters converted to gas heat. Consumer advocates glowed with pride, and federal regulators appeared to be the consumer's friend.

The only trouble was that the profit motive was removed from the gas business. Investors became unwilling to put capital into the search for new sources of natural gas.

As night follows day, the demand rose and the supply did not keep pace. By not letting the market set the price, the regulators encouraged the consumer to waste the cheap fuel and discouraged the investor from finding new sources.

That voter-pleasing low price not only removed the user's incentive to conserve natural gas, but it effectively knocked out the coal industry, to the delight of the environmentalists. When the oil price quadrupled, we found ourselves all regulated up with no place to go for other forms of energy. Coal was "dirty" and discredited, while clean gas was enmeshed in price controls that discouraged exploration.

In this severe winter, the frozen chickens came home to roost. Never before have we had as dramatic an example of the folly of intrusion into the market place by well-meaning regulators.

The congressmen most to blame for the natural gas shortage are Rep. John Moss, (D-Calif.) and Sen. Fritz Hollings, (D-S.C.); Rep. John Dingell, (D-Mich.) and Rep. Harley Staggers, (D-W.Va.).

Have these regulation-loving gentlemen felt the heat from people who feel no heat? Evidently not. Not one has the honesty to say: "The deregulators were right and I was wrong. We should deregulate 'new' gas right away, to stimulate exploration. Since 'new' and 'old' gas

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Babes in a bureaucratic toyland

Washington — Tens of thousands of American children, wards of the bureaucracy, have been consigned to a dreary purgatory, without love or hope. Many are also living in worse poverty than the government rescued them from.

It has become the American way for the bureaucracy to take custody of children who have been abandoned or abused by their parents. Sometimes the separation is voluntary, a breathing spell while families extricate themselves from the vicissitudes of modern living.

But once children fall into the clutches of the bureaucracy, they often become lost in the paperwork. They become charges of magistrates and clerks who are detached, methodical, guided by regulations which they follow to the letter.

In place of a parent, the abandoned child has a government clerk seated in his cubicle pondering the latest form and deciding that it runs afoul of regulations and must be disallowed.

Of the 350,000 children entrusted to the government's foster care program, according to congressional testimony, "between 100,000 and 200,000 . . . are adrift in foster care and will likely re-

main in foster care for long and indefinite periods . . . Foster care has become a vast and a hidden dumping ground for children."

It has taken Congress two years to put together the sordid story of the plethora of social programs which make up foster care. The investigation was started in 1975 by then-Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Minn., and Rep. George Miller, D-Calif.

Miller called upon the resources of the General Accounting Office and the Library of Congress. The Health, Education and Welfare Department also conducted an investigation of its own foster care efforts. The final results haven't been made public, but we can reveal the shameful findings.

Foster care costs the taxpayers almost \$700 million a year, with the money shuffled into a bureaucratic maze where administrators fight over the dollars. Much of the money never reaches the children but is siphoned off by the administrators. There is also a wide disparity in foster care costs, ranging from \$156 to \$1,320 a month. According to the GAO study, the government is often billed for costs which "we believe would be unallowable under any reasonable interpretation of federal regulations."

Over \$600,000 of unallowable federal payments were made, for example, to two counties in California. The counties placed foster children in private institutions that made a profit off children's misery at public expense. The GAO found evidence of similar unlawful placements in New Jersey and New York.

The purpose of foster care is to provide children with temporary refuge. An attempt is supposed to be made to help the family solve its problems and then return the child to his own parents. This seldom happens.

In Iowa, 65% of the mothers with children in foster care hadn't been seen by a social worker for more than six months. In Massachusetts, the figure was 60%. In California and Massachusetts, more than 30% of the parents acknowledged that they had no contact with their children after placement.

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Difficulty with unemployment checks

Slim pickin's

Lincoln, Neb. I am a young man recently laid off my job as a construction worker. I applied for unemployment benefits and after the usual six weeks, received my first check for \$80. After this check, I did not get another for a month and a half. It has been three weeks since this last \$80 check, and I have received nothing else. That makes \$160 for my family to live on for the last four months. I have had to go several hundred dollars into debt just to pay for groceries and rent.

I have contacted several people in the State Department of Labor in an effort to find out what is holding up my payments. On Thursday, Feb. 17, I called there and finally got hold of a gentleman who said I would get my next payment by Feb. 19. By the 23rd, I still had no money. Next day I went to their offices at 350 South 16th to find someone who could help me. The receptionist referred me to an older woman behind a counter. I was rather rudely told to get in line which was about 20 people long, each person taking 15 or more minutes to get through. I asked again and was told "Get in line." Having neither time nor patience, I left.

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Dear Abby

By
Abigail
Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My Irish wife isn't speaking to me. Here's what happened: Her father who lived to a ripe old age was buried last week. I was a pallbearer. It was pouring down rain when we got to the cemetery, and we were all ankle-deep in mud.

There was some kind of mixup on the hole they had dug so after half the services were said at the wrong hole we were advised of the mistake and the funeral party had to walk a very long way to the right hole. What a mess! All the pallbearers took turns slipping and falling in the mud as we carried the casket and the priest fell twice.

I held an umbrella over the priest's head as he started the prayers again and I leaned over and whispered, "Father, let's have the short version."

Well I am the girlfriend I have gone with Arthur for 10 years and I am pretty sick of this setup. I met his mother just once when Arthur brought her to the eye doctor. He let me go along for the ride. He never told her I was his girlfriend though. The problem is Arthur's mother has money and she says if he marries her she will leave it all to the church.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a bet on and we need you to settle it. Are you divorced or aren't you? I say you are and my wife says you aren't. The loser has agreed to send \$25 to a charity of your choice. Thank you.

MAC

DEAR MAC: You lose. I am NOT divorced, and God willing, come July I'll be married to the same wonderful man for 39 years. (P.S. Send

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Home-grown herbs flavorful

By Gerry Switzer
Star Staff Writer

For flavorful, gourmet cooking this summer, make plans to grow your own herbs.

Herbs, like many salad greens and vegetables, can be produced out of mini-gardens — even if you have space only on a window sill of your sunniest window.

Herbs can be grown successfully indoors or outdoors, but because they thrive on heat, sun is an essential.

A special herb garden can be made near the kitchen door, or herb plants can be mixed with flowers and vegetables for a colorful and attractive garden arrangement. For example, purple-leaved basil combines handsomely with most anything.

Hamilton Mason, well-known author of articles on all aspects of gardening, suggests setting low-growers like parsley or chives in a border and placing other taller plants, such as dill, to the back.

In what type container you start seeds depends on personal or family needs. But if you want only a few of something, individual one-step planters may be used. These can later be set directly into the garden or into larger indoor containers.

Plants started in a flat must be transplanted into a small pot and then again to another where they may be left to grow to maturity.

A three-inch pot won't do long for any herb but you can get by with several four-inchers for herbs such as parsley while basil requires at least a six-inch pot.

For best results, according to Mason, herb seeds should be started in straight vermiculite, milled sphagnum or a mix of peat moss and vermiculite. After moistening, the seed should be sown according to package directions.

Experts suggest slipping the containers into plastic bags and tying them shut to retain moisture. Further watering should be avoided until germination takes place. The containers should be left in a bright light and removed from the plastic as soon as the seeds germinate.

After germination, containers should be moved to full sun and kept moderately moist but not soggy wet. The plants should be turned every day or two to keep them growing straight.

Campus teacher trying to put class to sleep

Salt Lake City (UPI) — Every college campus has instructors who can put a class to sleep in minutes.

But Alan Hayes is trying to do it on purpose.

Hayes, 27, a doctoral candidate in educational psychology at the University of Utah, is teaching a five-week course on insomnia to insomniacs.

He spent two months recruiting his students. To qualify, a person had to have trouble falling asleep early in evening, waking up during the night and being unable to fall asleep again, or awakening too early in the morning. They could not be taking medication or undergoing therapy.

Hayes said his class is only a fraction of those who could be helped, since studies indicate 14% of the population suffers chronic insomnia and 30% has sleeping problems on an intermittent basis.

"They will be able to reduce the severity of their insomnia and the skills they learn in class will be useful in dealing with related problems — relaxing, being able to control tenseness and overcoming worry habits," the instructor said of his students.

"One effective technique is progressive relaxation, developed in the early 1900s. It consists of conscious tensing and relaxing of the muscles."

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| 4 ♦ | Pass | 5 ♣ | Pass |
| 6 ♦ | | | |

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

The problem was to make the slam even if the heart finesse failed, and declarer sized up his chances perfectly when he played the queen of diamonds from dummy faster than you can say Sam Fry!

East played the king, and South the ace. Declarer then led a club to the jack and took a heart finesse, which lost. West, after congratulating himself on his sagacity in having chosen a diamond lead, triumphantly played the jack of diamonds — which Fry ruffed!

Declarer drew two more rounds of trumps and cashed his hearts, discarding dummy's three spades, then ruffed the queen of spades to produce his twelfth trick.

Sam Fry, Jr., was South in this deal from the 1954 summer nationals and got to six clubs on the bidding shown. The slam would ordinarily have gone down one, but Fry made it by executing one of the neatest swindles ever seen.

West had a tough choice of opening leads and, after much soul-searching, chose a diamond. It was at once apparent to Fry that the slam depended on a heart finesse, as he had a spade loser to start with.

Fry had taken the precaution of leading only one trump before attempting the heart finesse, and East had not been given the opportunity to give an illuminating Spade signal.

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Volvo controls best

Washington (AP) — The National Environmental Industries Council Friday judged a Volvo of America Inc. best in a study of emission control devices.

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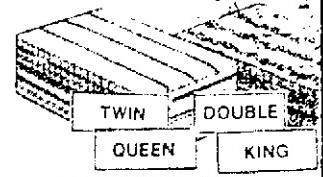
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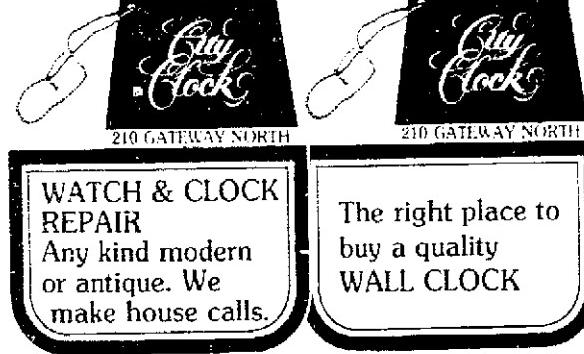


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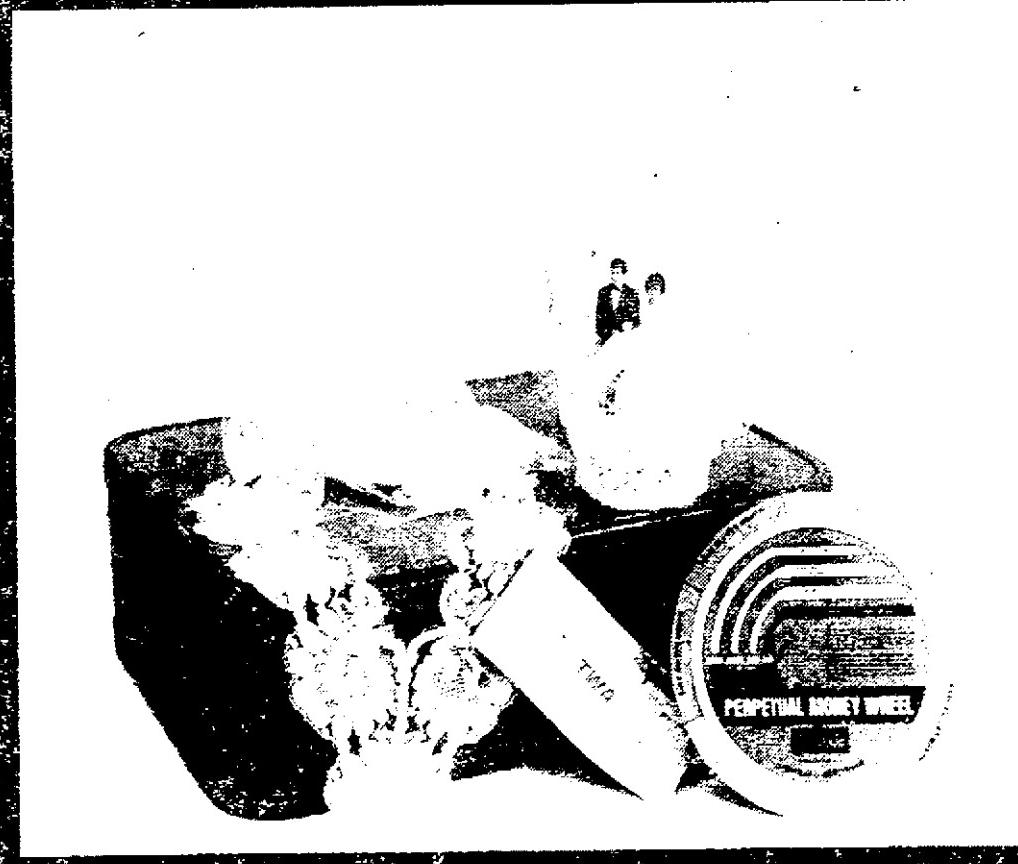
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Cocoa may be baking bargain

With today's high cost of chocolate, you may save by using unsweetened cocoa rather than baking chocolate.

According to recent studies conducted by Hershey Foods, manufacturers of both unsweetened cocoa and unsweetened baking chocolate consumer taste-testers rated desserts made with cocoa equal or superior to the same desserts made with baking chocolate.

According to the study, unsweetened cocoa powder provides an identical, or in some cases, an even richer, more intensely chocolate taste than unsweetened baking chocolate.

Cocoa powder is pure chocolate with about three-fourths of the fat removed, while baking chocolate contains 100% of the original fat.

Since this fat in baking chocolate or cocoa butter, as it is called, contributes

nothing to the chocolate flavor, it's obvious that cocoa powder provides a more concentrated chocolate flavor.

And even though cocoa powder is lighter in color than baking chocolate, cocoa powder turns an appetizing, deep dark chocolate color when used in cooking and baking. Chocolate cakes, for example, when baked with cocoa, have a dark chocolate crumb with a reddish hue.

Many feel that cocoa is easier to use than baking chocolate because of ease in measuring. It can be mixed with other dry ingredients or blended with shortening or cooking oil in the recipe. However, solid baking chocolate requires melting, and even if the pan isn't scorched, it is not easy to clean.

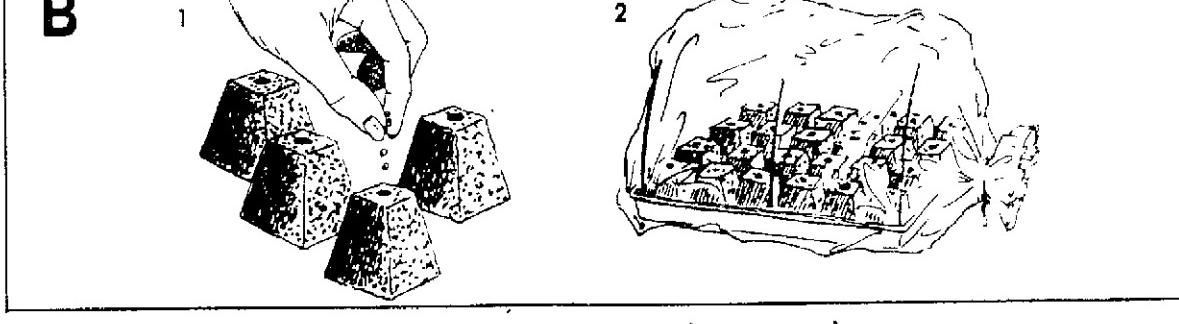
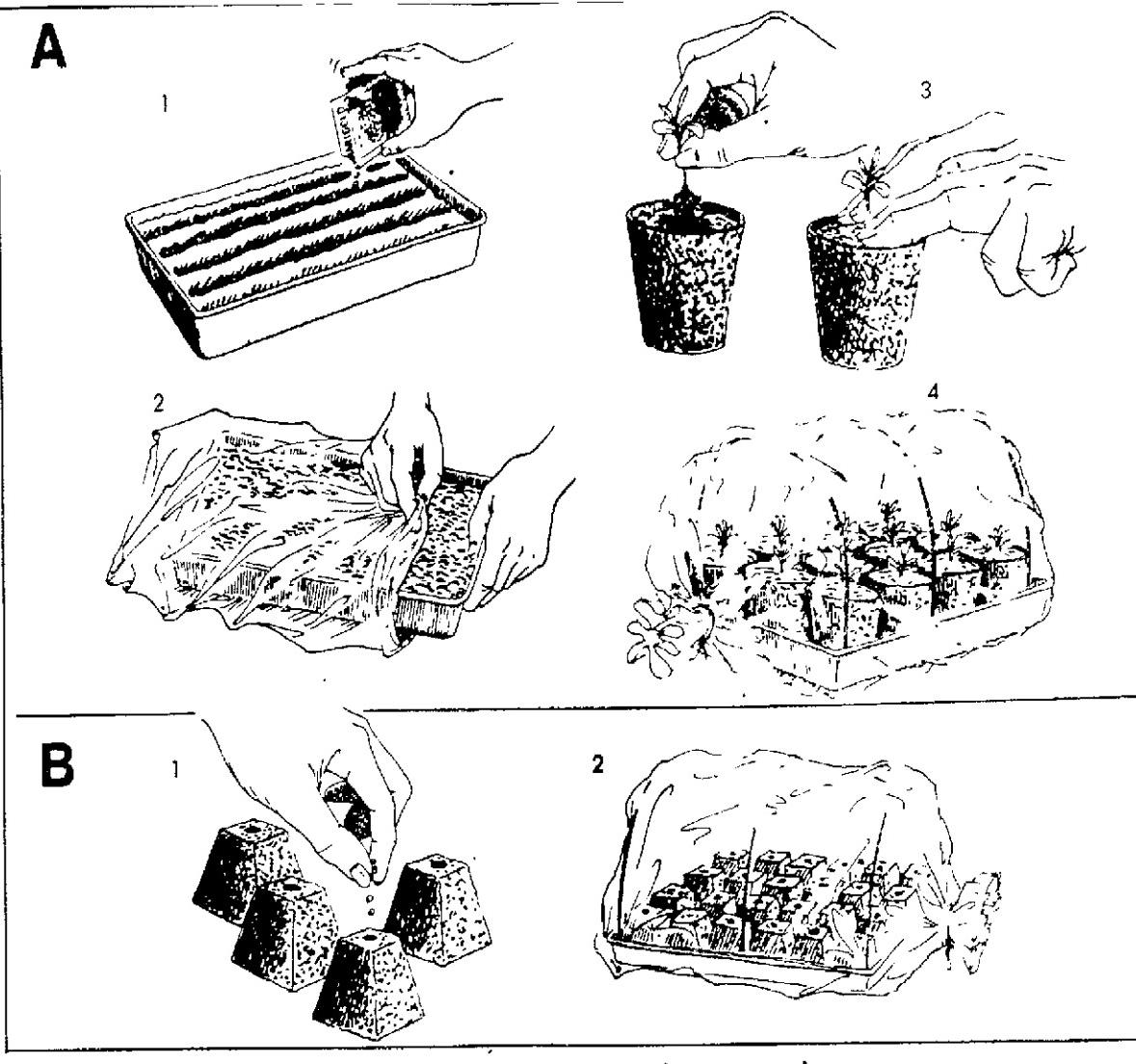
Cooking with cocoa costs up to one-third less than cooking with either solid baking

chocolate or the pre-melted chocolate-type products.

And all you need to do, when a recipe calls for baking chocolate instead of cocoa, is add one level tablespoon of shortening or cooking oil to three level tablespoons of unsweetened cocoa for the equivalent of one ounce or one square of unsweetened baking chocolate or of one ounce or one envelope of pre-melted chocolate-type product.

The simplest way to use cocoa in place of melted baking chocolate is to melt the extra shortening, then remove pan from heat and blend in the cocoa. If oil is used, merely blend it with the cocoa.

When baking with cocoa, blend the cocoa with the flour and other dry ingredients and add the extra shortening with the shortening already designated in the recipe.



It's easy to start transplants at home

Two methods can be used. In method A, sow seeds in tray of soilless planting mix, about one-fourth inch deep in rows two inches apart. Water lightly and store in plastic bag at 75 degree temperature. After first leaves appear, transplant seedlings with leaves one-half inch above soil into three or four inch pots. Store pots in tray covered with plastic supported by bent hangers. Set tray outdoors for 12

hours each day for two weeks, then transplant in garden. In method B, sow seeds in special planting blocks, water, cover with plastic and store at 75 degrees. When leaves appear, open bag for air circulation and keep blocks moist to touch. Plant in garden after placing tray outdoors for two weeks.

Care sprouts mini-gardens

By Gerry Switzer

Star Staff Writer

Quality of seed, lighting and watering are significant factors in successful mini-gardening.

Seeds of many varieties of each plant are available, but miniature vegetable varieties are best for mini-gardens.

When possible, disease and insect-resistant varieties should be selected, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also, when purchasing seed, one should check the date stamped on the seed envelope to make sure the seed is not old. Old seed often germinates poorly and does not grow vigorously.

Vegetable plants grow better in full sunlight than in the shade, with some requiring more sun than others. Leafy vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage and mustard greens do well in less shade than root vegetables such as beets, radishes and turnips. However, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes must have sunlight.

To give some plants a jump on the growing season, start them indoors in small aluminum baking pans, plastic trays, pots or cardboard milk cartons. Containers should be enclosed in a plastic bag until the seedlings emerge; and if more than one seedling comes up, the less vigorous ones should be pulled out.

When the first two leaves are fully developed, seedlings should be transplanted to larger containers.

According to USDA, synthetic soil for mini-gardening has several advantages over regular soil. First, it is free of plant dis-

ease organisms and weed seeds. Secondly, it holds moisture and plant nutrients, and it is also lightweight and more portable than regular soil.

Sold by seed dealers and garden supply centers, this mixture of horticultural vermiculite, peat moss and fertilizer comes ready to use.

You can prepare your own soil substitute by adding to one bushel each of vermiculite and shredded peat moss, one and one-fourth cups of ground limestone, one-half cup of 20% superphosphate and one cup of 5-10-5 fertilizer. This material should be mixed thoroughly. If it is dry, a little water should be added to reduce the dust during mixing.

According to R.B. O'Keefe, professor of horticulture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, fertilizer should be added for growing plants every 10 to 14 days.

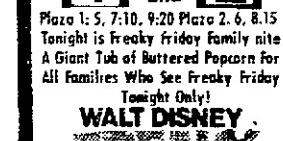
When gardening in containers instead of a garden plot, it is easier to control moisture. Vegetables need a water supply equal to about one inch of rain every week during the growing season. Water each time the soil becomes dry down to a depth of one-eighth inch. During hot, dry weather, it may be necessary to water three times a week.

When using a sprinkler can, the experts advise not watering so late in the evening that the leaves of plants stay wet at night. Wet leaves encourage plant disease.

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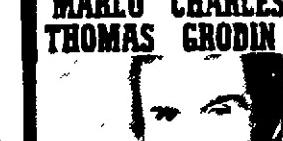


Plaza 1: 5, 7, 10, 20 Plaza 2: 6, 8, 15
Tonight is Freaky Friday Family nite
A Giant Tub of Buttered Popcorn For
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Plaza 3: 5, 15, 5, 15, 7, 30, 9, 30
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Pinocchio" (X) 7, 8, 30, 10.
Joys: "The Kettles in the
Ozarks" (G) 7, 20
Sheldon Film Theater: "Union
Maids and The Other Half of the
Sky" 3, 7, 9



Plaza 4: "Silver Streak" (PG)
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Maids and The Other Half of the
Sky" 3, 7, 9

Movie to be filmed in Dubuque, Iowa

Dubuque, Iowa (UPI) —

Filming of a major motion picture

is scheduled to start in

Dubuque later this spring, city

officials said.

The film, tentatively titled

F.I.S.T., will star Sylvester

Stallone and will be about a

labor leader's rise to power.

The movie will be directed

by Norman Jewison, film of-

ficials said, adding that hun-

dreds of residents will be used

as extras.

Movie Times

Movie Times
Submitted by Theaters

Plaza 1: "Freaky Friday" (G) 5,

7, 10, 9, 20

Plaza 2: "Freaky Friday" (G) 6,

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Plaza 3: "Thieves" (PG) 5, 25,

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Plaza 4: "The Sentinel" (R) 5, 35,

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AT: 7:30 & 9:25 PG

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A tribute to

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"FUN WITH

DICK & JANE"

CINEMA 2

AT: 7:05 & 9:40

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Rep. Mann's staff said aid in business venture

Washington UPI — Rep. James Mann's office staff helped him arrange a mailing to a business in Washington through which he advertised pennies at \$1 each. The ads were later judged misleading by postal inspectors, the paper said.

Mann could not immediately be reached for comment, but the Post quoted him as saying last fall that he had a financial interest in the company but later admitting he loaned it \$10,000 in 1974.

"I had no more concern about my money than man on the moon," Mann said. He ended his business relationship with Gause to when they jointly purchased several acres in South Carolina land.

One of Mann's aides, Nikki McNamee, said Sunday of the Post story: "The whole slant of it is wrong."

He said it was incorrect to suggest hours of time were spent on aiding the company, and little time actually was spent on such business.

Our view of it was that it was a pain in the neck, but a lot of things you do for constituents are a pain in the neck," Mrs. McNamee said.

Mann told the Post his personal finances were disarray because he was a "soft touch" and devoted so much time to constituent work.

"You'd be surprised what I do for people," he said. "I've even picked up Chinese sausage from a fireline beyond which constituency would go or may not go. We just don't like to turn people away."

Mann also ordered thousands of dollars worth of coins and bills through House facilities the Post said and personally sent \$2,000 in pennies to Greenville during a recent penny shortage.



Play a tune: down home way

The Senior Citizens Band provided some fun at the Madonna Homemakers Inc. fifth anniversary party Feb. 27 at Madonna Home. Band members are (from left) Mrs. Antone Jasa playing the tom tom, Verde Weber playing the kazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kindig playing a wood instrument and washboard. Madonna homemakers serve persons 65 years and older at home by providing housecleaning, transportation and meals.

Staff Photo by Dave Kennedy

At least, burglars did try

Ryan Okla (AP) — Would-be burglars practically reduced the People's Bank of Ryan to a mass of rubble early Sunday in an attempt to steal a 5,000-pound safe that turned out to be empty.

Just driving up here you would have thought they used explosives, Jefferson County Sheriff Don Allen said as he surveyed the bank wreckage in this southwestern Oklahoma community of 1,300.

He said no damage estimate had been made.

Someone pried open the bank's front door about 4:30 a.m. Sunday and ran a cable from a winch truck to the solid steel safe in a far corner of the bank, Allen said. The burglars then activated the winch and began pulling the safe toward the door.

The safe tore and pushed through the door, he said. About two feet of the front of the bank is brick veneer and the rest is glass. When it went through the door it pulled frame door and all out.

Meanwhile, bank alarms had sounded and officers from Waurika 12 miles north

headed for the bank. When they arrived they found the safe in the middle of Main Street, about 60 feet from what used to be the front of the bank. The cable was still attached to the safe.

Highway Patrol and local police roadblocks were set up but no suspects were found. The winch truck was found abandoned near the Red River a few miles south of Ryan late Sunday morning.

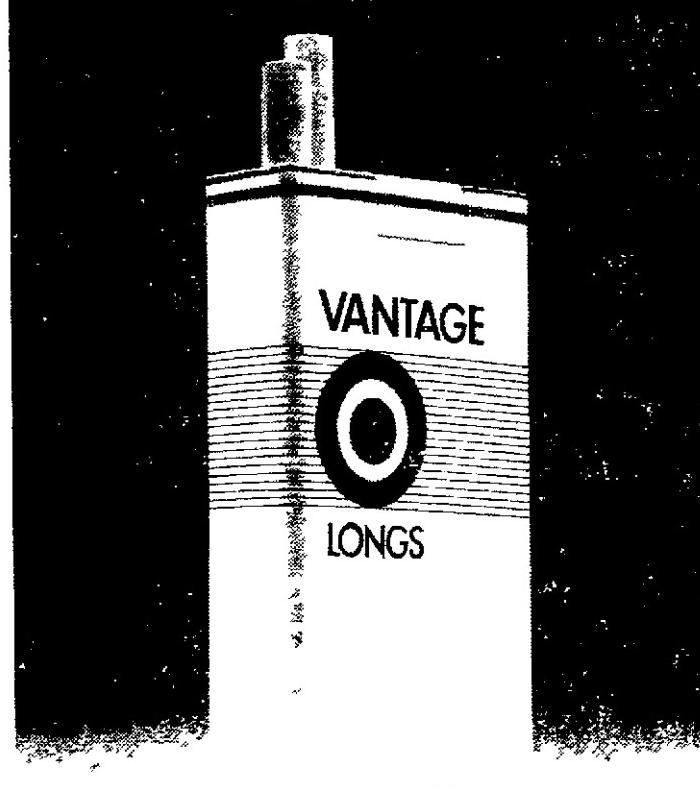
Allen said the truck probably was stolen and the burglars were strangers to the area.

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Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health

Three blazes keep firemen hopping

Three firemen were kept busy Saturday in separate fires in the city and county.

The first call came at 2:30 a.m. to the 10th Street Firehouse. Fire leaders said the fire started in a basement.

Later, at 3:30 a.m., a fire was reported in a house on 10th Street.

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East ready for GI girls

By Chuck Sinclair
Prep Sports Writer

One thing Leona Penner has learned in three years of coaching girls basketball at Lincoln East is a style of play that pleases the fan.

East has utilized a running style with shooters who cast shots from 21-23 feet and an inside contingent strong at crashing the boards.

"We don't play just for the fan, but we realize if you want to keep them coming to your games, you do keep them in mind," Penner said.

There should be a major conflict in coaching styles when No. 1 rated East meets unrated Grand Island in the 9 p.m. Thursday game at the Sports Center in the girls state tournament.

That's according to the Nebraska School Activities Assn. official pairings set in a Sunday session for the four class, 32-team field headed to Lincoln this week.

Grand Island, with the poorest record of any Class A entries, 9-7, ironically holds one of the closest margins to East, 41-37, in mid-December.

Islander coach Ed Bills utilized a stall of sorts in keeping the game tight, a move Penner is expecting to see again.

"I know if the stall tactic proves successful, it won't help girls basketball a great deal," Penner says. "I feel that we're in a position where we have to play exciting for the fans. You've at least got to consider them."

Penner knows the way to combat the stall . . . score the first basket.

"That's what we intend to do," she says. "At least then they have to penetrate the forecourt by the rules."

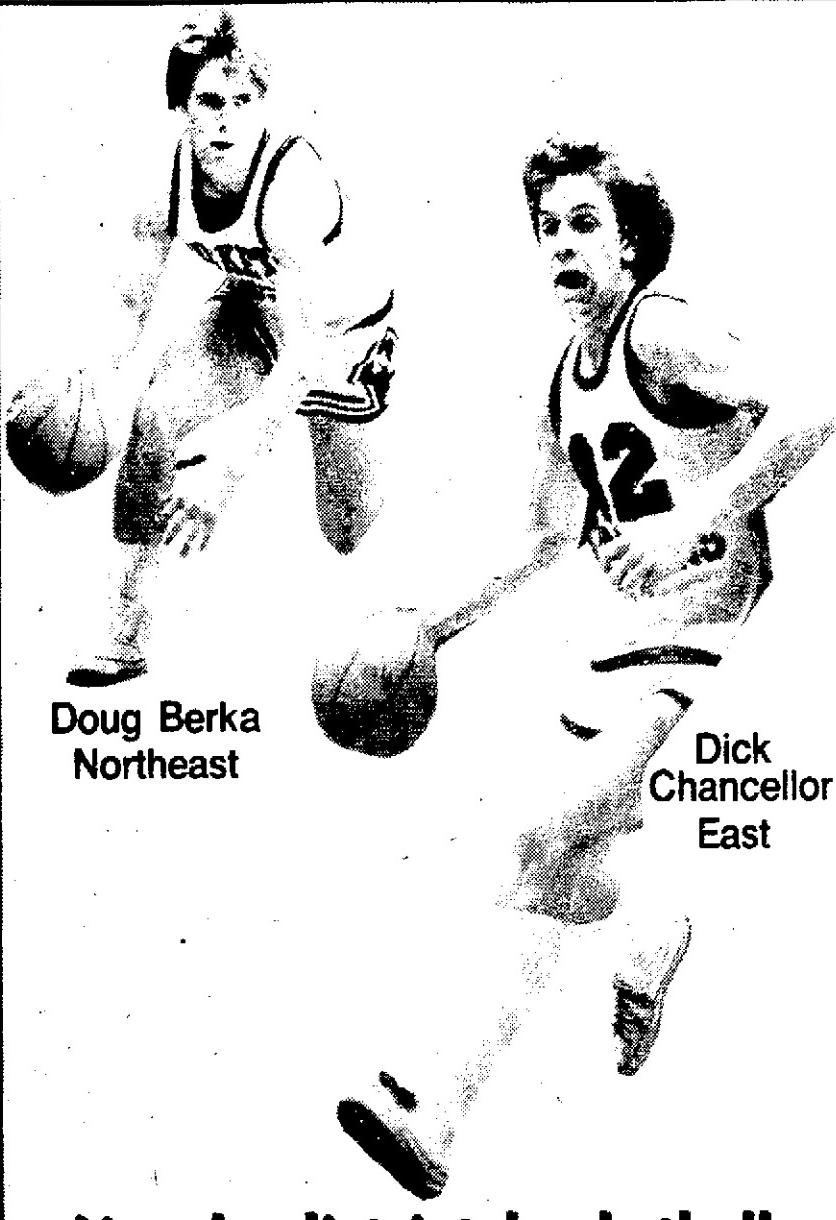
"We've been doing a lot of talking for the past three years and it's all coming down to this week," Penner says. "This is the chance to put our money where our mouth is."

One aspect of the pairings released by the NSAA that should please Capital City fans is that all three Lincoln teams are involved in night play when the tournament opens Thursday.

No. 2 rated Lincoln High meets Kearney in the 7 p.m. game at the Sports Center with Lincoln Pius X meeting Wisner-Pilger at Pershing, also at 7 p.m.

There is at least one team in each class with the chance to finish as unbeaten state champions.

Lincoln East is 17-0 in Class A, Lexington, 17-0 in B, Pleasanton, 19-0 and Hastings St. Cecilia, 18-0 in Class C and Holdville, 18-0 and Shickley, 16-0 in Class D.



Lincoln district basketball

Girls State Tourney Pairings

Class A at Sports Center

10 a.m. — Omaha Burke (18-2) vs. Bellevue (13-6)
2 p.m. — Omaha Central (14-6) vs. Omaha Marian (19-3) (winners advance to 2 p.m. Friday semifinals with finals scheduled for 9 p.m. Saturday)
5 p.m. — Kearney (12-5) vs. Lincoln High (14-3)
9 p.m. — Lincoln East (17-0) vs. Grand Island (9-7) (winners advance to 9 p.m. Friday semifinals with finals scheduled for 9 p.m. Saturday)

Class B at Pershing

Noon — Lexington (17-0) vs. Crete (11-6)
2 p.m. — Loup City (16-2) vs. Alliance (13-3) (winners advance to 2 p.m. Friday semifinals with finals scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Sports Center)
7 p.m. — Lincoln Plus X (16-5) vs. Wisner-Pilger (16-1)
9 p.m. — Omaha Mercy (14-4) vs. York (17-2) (winners advance to 9 p.m. Friday semifinals with finals scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Sports Center)

Class C at Pershing

10 a.m. — Spencer (12-2) vs. Valley (18-1)
5 p.m. — Centennial (12-6) vs. Hastings St. Cecilia (18-0) (winners advance to noon Friday semifinals with finals scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Sports Center)

at Sports Center

Noon — Republican Valley (16-1) vs. Cedar Rapids (17-1)
7 p.m. — Pleasanton (19-0) vs. West Point (11-6) (winners advance to 7 p.m. Friday semifinals with finals scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday)

Class D at Lincoln High

Noon — Gurley (14-1) vs. Butte (15-3)
2 p.m. — Cambridge (12-3) vs. Shickley (16-0) (winners advance to noon Friday semifinals at Pershing with finals scheduled for noon Saturday at the Sports Center)

7 p.m. — Diller (15-3) vs. Newcastle (17-1)

9 p.m. — Overton (14-3) vs. Holdville (17-0) (winners advance to 7 p.m. Friday semifinals at Pershing with finals scheduled for noon Saturday at the Sports Center)

Busy schedule paces Yanks

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (UPI) — The New York Yankees signed six more players, welcomed catcher Thurman Munson to camp and got some good news from Catfish Hunter in a busy Sunday workout.

The signees, all for one year, are outfielders Carlos May, Paul Blair and Jerry Deneen and pitchers Ed Ricks, Dewey Hoyt and Ken Clay, bringing the number of satisfied Yankees to 29 and leaving nine players unsigned.

Munson, the American League's most valuable

player, was two days late because he was honored Saturday at his Alma Mater, Kent State. He went right to work, catching batting practice and hitting several balls out of the park.

Hunter, who felt some tenderness in his right arm Saturday, threw again Sunday and felt no pain. He was bothered most of last season by tendinitis in his right shoulder which accounted for his disappointing 17-15 record, his poorest in five seasons.

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Sports Digest

Basketball

Joe Senser, a West Chester State sophomore, closed his season in a losing effort Saturday but became the nation's all-time top shooter from the floor, with a 69.9 per cent average.

Senser didn't have to shoot at all Saturday to grab the record. In fact, his five-for-nine performance in the 95-86 loss to Bucknell brought his average down from 70.6.

The prior record of 66.7 per cent was jointly held by **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, **Kent Martens** and **Al Flemming**. Jabbar set the mark during his 1966-67 season at UCLA.

Tennis

Brian Gottfried, battling to shed his image as just a doubles player and establish himself as a first-rate singles pro, came from behind Sunday to beat favored **Guillermo Vilas** 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 and capture the \$225,000 American Airlines tennis tournament in Palm Springs.

Top-seeded **Martina Navratilova** picked up her fourth victory on the Virginia Slims circuit this season Sunday when she turned back second-seeded **Sue Barker**, 6-4, 6-4, to become the first woman tennis player to win more than \$100,000 this year.

Other sports

Judy Rankin scrambled back from a poor second round and shot a three-under par 69 through blustery winds Sunday to win the \$100,000 LPGA Bent Tree Classic by four strokes.

Cale Yarborough muscled out of the pack, then held off **Darrell Waltrip** for victory Sunday in the \$75,000 Richmond 400, which ended at 244 laps when a torrential rain shower hit Fairgrounds Speedway.

American speed skating discovery **Eric Heiden** grabbed his third world title in three weeks when he stormed to victory Sunday in the men's 1977 world sprint championship.

Ohio State assistant football coach **Duck Walker** has been named defense backfield coach of the New England Patriots, completing the staff's reorganization.

Prep only titlist left from 1976

And now there is one — Creighton Prep.

The Junior Bluejays are the only 1976 Nebraska prep basketball champion still in the running for the state tournament Mar. 10-12 in Lincoln.

Class B champion Aurora was eliminated in first round district competition. Class C champion Geneva was bumped into its district semifinals and Class D champion Nelson advanced to the district finals before losing to unbeaten Ruskin Saturday night.

Creighton Prep opens its quest for a repeat title Tuesday in A 4 district competition at Omaha Northwest. The Jays will play the winner of Monday night's Millard-Omaha Tech game.

District pairings

(Note: Randy York's favorites in bold type)

A-1 at Pershing

Monday — Bearne v. Lincoln High, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday — Lincoln Southeast v. Bearne; Wednesday — Lincoln Northeast, 6:30 p.m.

A-2 at O. Burke

Monday — Bellevue v. Ralston, 7 p.m.; Tuesday — Papillion v. Bellevue; Ralston winner, 6:30 p.m.; O. Northwest v. O. Benham, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday — Ralston, 6:30 p.m.

A-3 at Ralston

Monday — O. Gross v. Bryan, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday — O. Central v. O. Aerts, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday — O. North v. Gross, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday — Bryan, 6:30 p.m.

A-4 at O. Northwest

Monday — Millard v. O. Tech, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday — O. Central v. O. Aerts, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday — O. North v. Bryan, 6:30 p.m.

A-5 at Norfolk

Monday — Grand Island, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday — Norfolk, 6:30 p.m.

A-6 at North Platte

Monday — North Platte, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday — McCook, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday — North Platte, 6:30 p.m.

Cornell rips past Penn

Ithaca, N.Y. (AP) — Cornell guards Bernard Vaughan and Cedric Carter scored 21 points each to lead the Big Red to an 82-68 upset over Pennsylvania in an Ivy League game here Sunday.

The loss knocked Penn out of a tie with Princeton for the Ivy lead. Both had 9-1 records going into this week's games. Princeton, which plays at Cornell Monday, defeated Columbia Sunday to take over first place in the league.

The victory was Cornell's first over Penn since 1969, during which time the Big Red

lost 15 straight to the Quakers.

Cornell's record is now 47-17 in the Ivy League and 7-6 overall. Penn's season record is 15-8.

Penn led at halftime, 36-35, but Cornell tied it at 51-51 when Carter scored on a fast break with 9:52 to play. Two free throws by Carter at 9:05 gave the Big Red their first lead since the opening minutes and they never trailed again.

Vaughan, a Sophomore senior, scored 13 of his 21 points in the second half.

Feature races

At Santa Anita

At Fair Grounds

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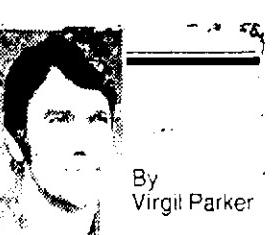
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Sports Signals



By
Virgil Parker

Exciting event

A track meet is an athletic contest in its original, truest, simplest form. One against one in a foot race. That's the way sports competition was born.

And a sellout crowd at the Sports Center Saturday saw an exciting show when the Big Eight Conference Indoor Track Championships came to Lincoln for the first time.

It won't be the last. As the popularity for the event grows, seats will be as hard to come by as those in Memorial Stadium in the fall. Mark it on next year's calendar now.

You would have expected a lot of bugs in the operation. Little things which could be smoothed out in the future. There were few if any problems, thanks to the advance planning by Jim Ross, who heads the Sports Center complex for athletic director Bob Devaney, and Don Bryant, NU's sports information director.

A 16-event track meet is the most difficult sports story of all for me to write in the space available. It's not one story. It's 16 separate stories. Each event provides some behind-the-scene happening or human interest twist.

Since I couldn't get to all of them in the Sunday account, I've culled through the leftover notes to pass along some additional items of interest.

Two of the more dramatic are the heart-warming stories which came out of the long jump and triple jump field events.

Nebraska wasn't expected to even place in the long jump. Sure, Lincoln High's Rex Davies was a state high school gold medal winner. But, the senior walkon had never reached the 24-foot level. It would take at least that to earn a point.

Great Fan

Very few folks knew about it, but Thursday, Davies' father died. Because of the trauma involved for Rex, his mother and family, Davies had managed just one hour of sleep when it was time for him to compete Friday evening.

"I asked my mother about competing and she was 100 percent for it," Davies recalls. "I know that my dad would have wanted me to. He was a great fan."

Davies proceeded to go out and leap 24 feet for the first time in his life and earn a fifth-place finish.

Saturday morning, Rex attended the funeral for his father. A few hours later he mounted the victory stand to receive his medal.

The story behind the triple jump victory of Kansas State's Vincent Parrette was another example of dedication, courage and determination.

Parrette, who lives in Overland Park, Kan., was a highly-sought prep recruit a year ago. He was one of the best hurdlers and long and triple jumpers around.

Parrette climaxed his high school career by winning the national triple jump championship in a big Chicago invitational meet with a leap of 51-6 1/4.

The freshman newcomer continued to improve after he arrived on the K-State campus. In an intrasquad meet in December, prior to the start of the indoor season, Parrette improved to 51-7 1/4.

Then he went home for the holidays.

Tragic Fire

Vince's bedroom was on the lower level of his house. The only entry was down a stairway which led to an attached double-car garage. That's where a roaring fire started early New Year's Day morning.

"By the time the rest of the family was awakened by the smoke and fire," Parrette recalls, "there was no way they could get to me. When I finally awoke, I had two choices — stay down in my room and burn up or try to escape by going up the stairs, right through the fire."

Parrette dashed up the stairs, then crawled on his hands and knees through the fire in the garage, between two parked cars and out to safety. He was still alive, but his back was burned to a crisp.

"I was in the hospital nearly a month," he relates. "I had to lie on my stomach the whole time. I lost 20 pounds and became very weak."

That brings us to just a month ago. Parrette started to resume workouts — regain his strength. He wasn't able to compete in a single meet this season — until he was entered in the Big Eight Championships this past weekend.

The rest is history. In his very first competition as a collegian, Parrette captured the Big Eight's Gold Medal.

No. Carolina wins

Charlotte, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina basketball Coach Dean Smith, after watching his ninth-ranked Tar Heels hand No. 10 Louisville a 96-89 loss Sunday, said his team may have been in worse physical shape than the Cardinals.

"It looked like we wore out," Smith said of Louisville's second half comeback which cut a 29-point deficit to seven. North Carolina had played Duke Saturday.

"But it's hard to be ahead by 20 against such a good team as Louisville. Louisville is not going to fall over and play dead when they're down by 20," Smith said.

The Tar Heels relied on 26 points each from Phil Ford and Mike O'Koren.

The hot-handed Ford also guided a tenacious defense that forced Louisville turnovers and kept the Cardinals away from the basket for most of the game.

North Carolina held a 57-38 halftime lead and went up by as much as 78-48 early in the second half.

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NWU cagers prepare for NCAA playoff contest

By Ken Hambleton

State College Writer

Things are working out better for Nebraska Wesleyan's basketball team than coach Irvin Peterson had expected this season.

The 15-10 Plainsmen are preparing for their NCAA Div. III regional playoff game with Bishop College of Dallas, Tex., Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in NWU's Taylor Gym. The winner of that game will probably meet three other teams in the quarterfinals and then advance to the finals in Augustana, Ill., March 18-19.

"We had to win our final games with Midland, Dana and Concordia, because we lost to Doane, to get an invitation to the meet," said Peterson, who has taken seven other teams to national tournaments.

"Our team this year, except for overall size, is a lot like the teams I took to the NCAA Div. II tourney in 1962-63-64," said Peterson referring to the last NWU teams to play in a national tournament.

The Plainsmen, behind the scoring of Jim Munford, a Lincoln Northeast graduate and Chet Paul, currently a doctor in Lincoln, grabbed fourth place in the 1962 NCAA tournament, after losing in double overtime to Sacramento State in the semifinals.

Dick Nelson joined Paul and Munford in the 1963 season and NWU lost in the quarterfinals to South Dakota State by two points. SD State went on to win the title that year.

"We had a lot of carryover those years with players coming back each year and we feel that this year will be a big step in getting back into a leading basketball program," said Peterson.

Last season, NWU won six of its last eight games to finish 6-16.

This year's Plainsmen squad loses just one senior, 6-9 center Blake Butler, but will return its top two scorers, Steve Harris, a 6-1 junior with a 15.9 point per game average and sophomore Bob Otto, who

carries a 15.2 point average. Other starters returning next year include Paul Fox (10.2) and Kim Gloystein (7.9).

"About all we know about Bishop College is that they average 93.2 points per game and their record is 15-8," said Peterson. "So I can guess that we'll be in a race to keep up with the speed they must have to score that many points."

The winner of Thursday's game will advance to the NCAA Div. III quarterfinals in a site to be decided Tuesday.

Hastings, 23-3, also offers a balanced attack with junior center Paul Bergman (18 points average) and senior forward Kert McKeone (averaging 15.2 points) leading the Broncos. Hastings has averaged 50 per cent field goal shooting for the season and boasts the best defense in the state with a 71.7 points per game allowed.

State College Standings

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| Mid-Prairie | 12 | 12 | 0 | 22 | 8 | 30 |
| Doane | 12 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Nebr. Wesleyan | 12 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| Concordia | 12 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| Dana | 12 | 1 | 11 | 18 | 18 | 22 |
| Midland | 12 | 9 | 3 | 22 | 10 | 32 |

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| Kearney | 6 | 6 | 22 | 18 | 12 | 30 |
| Paulo | 3 | 3 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 30 |
| Chadron | 2 | 2 | 17 | 9 | 17 | 28 |

Independents

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| Creighton | 21 | 4 |
| Bellevue | 16 | 10 |
| UNK | 10 | 19 |

NCCAC Junior Colleges

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| SE-Prairie | 13 | 7 | 21 | 9 | 9 | 30 |
| Mid-Prairie | 13 | 3 | 21 | 9 | 9 | 30 |
| NEB-Western | 12 | 3 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 30 |
| NEB-Wesleyan | 12 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 24 |
| Central Tech | 2 | 12 | 5 | 21 | 21 | 30 |

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| Emporia St. | 11 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 13 | 32 |
| Pittsburg | 9 | 5 | 15 | 10 | 10 | 25 |
| Kearney | 9 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 26 |
| NEB-Western | 11 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 24 |
| NEB-Wesleyan | 5 | 10 | 18 | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| Platteville | 5 | 11 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 30 |
| Central Tech | 2 | 12 | 5 | 21 | 21 | 30 |

Games This Week

Monday

Hastings vs. Kearney, first game of best-of-three NAIA District 11 playoffs.

Creighton vs. North Carolina-Charlotte.

Tuesday

Kearney at Hastings, NAIA District 11 playoffs.

Wednesday

Kearney at Hastings, NAIA District 11 playoffs, if needed.

Thursday

NAIA Division III tournament at Hastings, Kearney, UNL, Pittsfield, Wyoming, Mid-Plains, Casper, Wyo., NJACC regional at Fairbury.

Saturday

Marquette at Creighton, Omaha Civic Auditorium, 3 p.m., televised. NJACC regional at Fairbury.

Sunday

Marquette vs. Western Michigan, 1 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan vs. Western Michigan, 3 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan vs. Toledo, 5 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan vs. Toledo, 7 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan vs. Toledo, 9 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan vs. Toledo, 11 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Michigan vs. Toledo, 1 p.m., Toledo, Ohio.

Engine considered

Tokyo (AP) — Honda Motor Co.'s low-pollution engine, which won highest ratings from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), could be produced by Ford Motor Co. as early as 1980, industry sources speculated.

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JFK most popular of Carter's 7 predecessors

By Louis Harris

Of Jimmy Carter's seven predecessors, John F. Kennedy is clearly the most popular with the American people.

In eight areas tested, Kennedy wins out on five and ties for first place on the other three, according to a Harris Survey of 1,466 adults. Franklin D. Roosevelt is second in public esteem, followed by Harry S. Truman.

Kennedy wins hands down on two counts: 67% feel that he had the "most appealing personality," and 53% choose him as the "most personable character." He edges out Roosevelt on having "most inspired confidence" and as "best administrator," and does slightly better than Gerald Ford on setting the "highest moral standards." He ties with Roosevelt as "best in domestic affairs" and on "doing the best job in the White House."

Now that he is gone, Ford is held in much higher regard than he was during his time in the Oval Office. As his fellow citizens see it, his outstanding achievement was the high moral standard he set in the Presidency.

Richard M. Nixon is singled out by 68% for having "set the

lowest moral standards" in the White House, up from 63% who felt that way a year ago, and he finishes dead last on all other positive dimensions save one. The single exception is "best in foreign affairs," where Nixon is given top billing by 20% of the public, finishing in a tie for first place with the late President Kennedy.

Franklin D. Roosevelt has risen in public respect during the 1970s. One reason for this is that he has been the subject of a number of bestselling books and widely viewed films and television specials. Another is that people recall his leadership during another period of hard economic times.

Harry Truman has also risen considerably in public regard since 1972, again partly because of some colorful books and performances recalling his special style.

Lyndon Johnson does not score well on any dimension, except for his record in domestic affairs. However, it is too ear-

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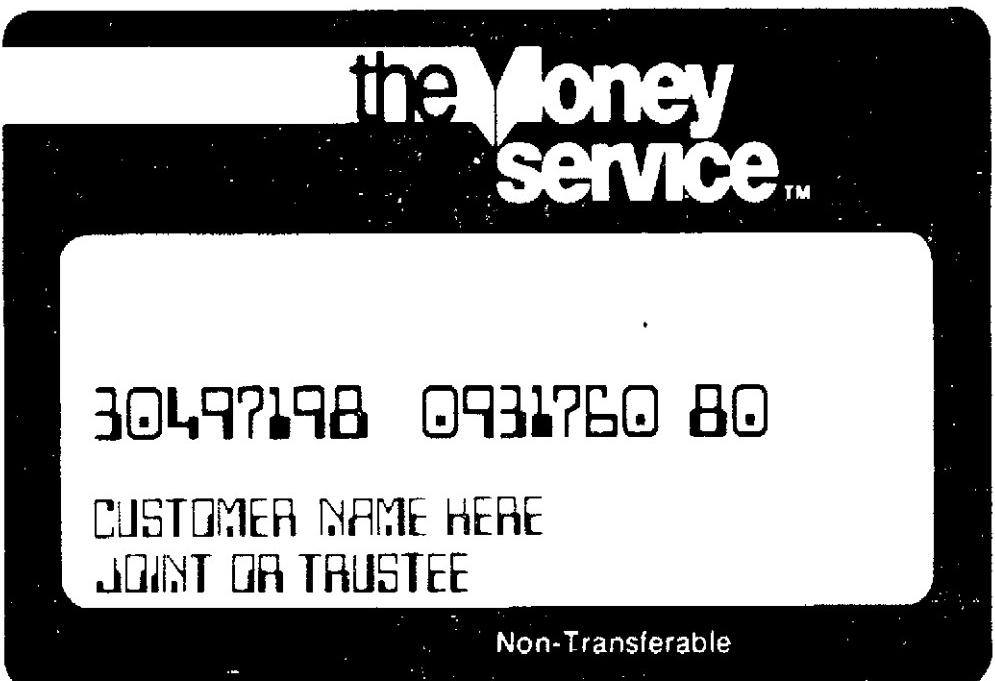
to tell whether the public will change its mind about him as the years pass. As recently as 1972, Truman did not score well either.

Since last year there has been falling off in the way the American people rate Dwight Eisenhower. To some extent, Gerald Ford has picked up some of the praise that apparently went to Ike a year ago.

As a president who was assassinated in office, Kennedy occupies a special and highly emotional place in the hearts and minds of the American people. A recent study of surveys made in the period before he was killed indicated that the public came to hold Kennedy in much higher regard after his death than when he served as President.

It is too early to tell how President Carter will compare to his immediate predecessors. He has said he admires FDR more than any other modern president, although in style and rhetoric he bears little resemblance to the patrician New Yorker who strongly advocated populist causes.

By Chicago Tribune

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**Postcard**

San Francisco — The rainy rains came thank goodness. The cats walked around saying: "What's going on here?" They figured I must be throwing water on them out the window.

They forgot it sometimes really comes down from Jupe Pluwe himself.

No doubt a blow to the President of the U.S. and the governor of CA, who were furiously drawing up resolutions. "Let it rain, Lord!" Appointing commissions to force it to rain.

Commissions are a wonderful way for congressmen to get re-elected.

"The way it works is this," says a Washington lobbyist. "The President appoints a commission — say, to look into glue on postage stamps. This is for the good of the people so Congress approves it and grants it money."

"Now — Congress also appoints a committee to examine the Stamp Glue Commission. To see if it's doing its job."

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"The committee hires investigators. It hires lawyers. Stenographers take down every word which is printed at great expense in the Congressional Record."

He said: "Now our stamp glue may be the best in the world. Fact, American stamp glue has been examined and it is the best in the world."

"But back home, the folks see Congressman Sneed leaning forward in his seat. Addressing the cringing postal witness."

"He says: 'Mr. Witness, you say this is good glue. But can you make that stick?'"

(Appreciative laughter from the gallery.) Congressman Sneed: "If spectators cannot preserve silence, I shall be forced to clear the room." (What he means is he'd like to send out a squad of Marines to herd people in off the streets.)

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The Let It Rain, Let It Pour Commission was something new. No doubt every congressman and senator had an eye on that one.

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Saved, by heaven! (You and I and the Union, I mean.) A powerful committee is the one that watchdogs the Federal Communications Commission.

This commission is responsible for what you see. In a clever way, the FCC has turned the watchdog committee away from the commission's doings. Focused it on the people the FCC is watching.

Some years ago, the watchful FCC made Campbell's soup take the marbles out of its soup. Seems when you photograph a bowl of soup, it looks more bubbly if you put clear glass marbles in it. Beef's up the beef you might say.

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Nobody was eating the glass marbles, you understand. It just made things look better on TV.

"Cease and desist," said the FCC. (Commissions are run by lawyers. So they say "Cease and desist." They can't just say "Hey you guys, Cut it out, see?")

Anyway, it was a landmark decision. TV people got together and wondered: "If we use artificial lights, will they make us pull the plug?"

However, it never came to that. Congressional committees like to appear on TV, too. And you have to have artificial lighting.

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Search ongoing for labor chief

Las Vegas (AP) — The probe continues in the mysterious disappearance of Nevada's most powerful labor boss, Al Bramlet, but police said Sunday they have no clues to his whereabouts.

"I hope we don't have a Hoffa case on our hands," said one investigator, referring to the disappearance 1½ years ago of former Teamsters leader Jimmy Hoffa.

Bramlet's wife, Barbara, said her husband telephoned a hotel executive Thursday night and asked him to deliver \$10,000 to a Las Vegas casino. But she said she had a why he wanted the money.

"If that's a ransom demand, I don't know," she said Sunday in a tearful telephone interview.

Mrs. Bramlet, 27, married the 60-year-old president of the Nevada AFL-CIO two months ago. Although her husband has not been seen or heard from since Thursday, she said she believes he is still alive.

"If I didn't think he was alive, I wouldn't even be able to talk with you, all right," she said. "I'm just really hanging on to hope. I'm naturally upset, you know. I do deep down believe he's somewhere — he's being held somewhere."

"Now as time goes on, the scales tip the other way, but I think it's still to early to give up hope," she added.

The cigar-smoking, mustachioed Bramlet has ruled the powerful Local 226 of the Culinary Workers Union in Las Vegas with an iron hand for nearly a quarter of a century. He has been the president of the state AFL-CIO for more than a decade. During that time he made a lot of friends and a lot of enemies.

Last year his 22,000-member local struck a dozen plush resort hotels on the famed Las Vegas Strip. The union members stayed out for three weeks and won major concessions from the hotel management. The walkout cost the local economy an estimated \$26 million.

In recent months, dissidents within the union have become more vocal, and the U.S. Labor Department has been probing several big loans made from the local's \$29-million pension fund to Dunes Hotel executive Morris Shenker.

Authorities said Bramlet may have been abducted from McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas after returning from a business trip to Reno last Thursday, but Mrs. Bramlet said she thinks her husband may not have returned to Las Vegas.

As reinforcement of her belief that Bramlet is being held by kidnappers, Mrs. Bramlet said he made an unusual call to an executive at the Dunes Hotel last Thursday night.

Earlier Thursday, Bramlet telephoned the union office, but he was not himself, Mrs. Bramlet said. She said those who talked to Bramlet could not tell if he was calling from a local telephone or by long distance.

Funeral services set for Mrs. Ada McVicker

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, at Eastridge United Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge, for Ada J. McVicker, 75, of Beaver Crossing, who died Sunday.

Mrs. McVicker was a former society editor of the Lincoln Journal.

She was a past president and one of the founders of Cornhusker Girls State and also served as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

She was elected in 1961 national vice president, northwestern division, of the American Legion Auxiliary. She served as department president of the Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary and as department secretary-treasurer of the Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary. She also edited the Legion Auxiliary Star, the organization's monthly newspaper.

Mrs. McVicker served as chapeau of Lancaster Salon 92, 8 and 40 in 1961-1962, and as lead chapeau premier in 1954.

A charter member of Eastridge United Presbyterian

Ada McVicker

... community leader.

Church. Mrs. McVicker was a member of Temple Chapter #271 OES. Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, University of Nebraska Alumni Association, Beaver Crossing Flowing Well Grange.

Mrs. McVicker is survived by a son, Jim of Lincoln; brother, Sterling Bernis of Long Beach, Calif.; sister-in-law, Mary of Lincoln and three grandchildren.

Well drilling notices filed

Listed are the notices of intent to drill oil wells in Nebraska filed for the week of February 21, with the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

The wells (operator, name of well, location, contractor and API number) include:

1. Agra Development Corporation #22 M, R. 53 W., Scotts Bluff County — Winkler, c/o Ester Drilling, Northern Driller, Inc., Box 21, Winkler, Neb. 68801; Sand, Feb. 21, 1977.

2. R. B. Breckel Lining Co., R. 2 W., Section 35, T. 18 N., R. 53 W., Merrill County — Winkler, Gear Drilling Company, #459, Box 21, Winkler, Neb. 68801; Sand, Feb. 21, 1977.

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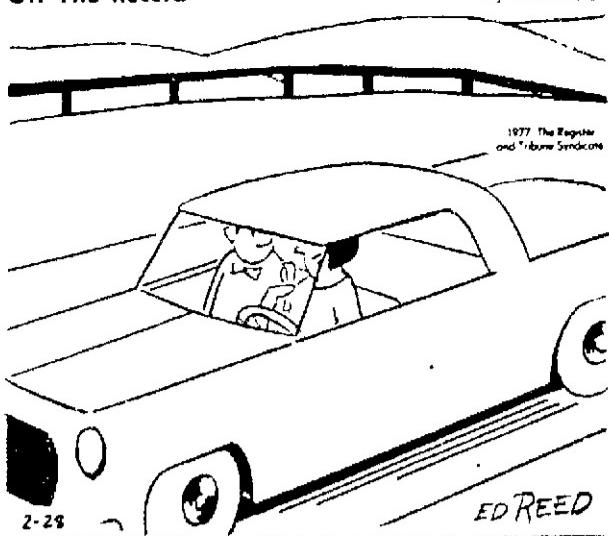
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